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# Newsletter

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#### Thanks

.. To Chris and Susanne, our dental therapists, for excellent service over the past term and a bit.

.. To Mrs Clarke and Mrs Sinclair for accompanying and supporting our debating teams this week.

.. To our headlice inspection team

.. Those parents who attended this week's secondary school discussions.

#### People of the week

.. Our school choir (and Mrs Williams our choir teacher) - for fantastic performances at Forum North this week - we are so proud of you!

.. Tommy who practised TRUTHFULNESS this week when he accidentally bumped a younger child and then brought him to the office for us to check that he was OK.

.. Our debating teams. Didn't quite get there this time but off to a GREAT start.

.. Miss Downey for ensuring such a smooth transition in Room 11 - as though she has never been away. Great to have Miss Downey back on board.

.. Mikayla who received "Player of the Day" for the Yr 2-4 Matarau Netball team.

#### New Virtue - TRUTHFULNESS

Support material for the TRUTHFULNESS virtue was sent home last week. Please remember to discuss this material with your child, to re-visit it periodically and to advise us of special examples so we can celebrate these through the newsletter.

#### Taniwha Challenge - 18 August (pp 19.8)

Consents for the above event were due this week. All children participating are asked to bring their lunch, a drink bottle, a change of clothes, something warm to put on after races, footwear suitable for running and spending money at your discretion. A reminder that children will travel by bus departing shortly after 9:00 and returning by 3:00.

#### Coming up

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| 16 August    | International Schools Mathematics Exam                                     |
| 16 August    | WBHS Open Night (Tours from 4:30 PM - Principal's address in hall 6:30 PM) |
| 17 August    | Whangarei Girls' High School Enrolment Interviews (at Matarau School)      |
| 18 August    | Zone Cross Country at Te Horo School (pp 19/8)                             |
| 22 August    | School Cross Country   |
| 29 August    | Regional Science Fair starts   |
| 5 September  | Book Week  |
| 6 September  | Visiting Author  |
| 13 September | Kamo High School Enrolment Interviews (at Matarau School)                  |
| 22 September | School Talent Show   |
| 23 September | Northland Cross Country  |
| 27 September | School Photos  |
| 7 October    | Final day of term 3  |

### **BoT Meeting for August**

Now Monday 15 August 6:00 PM, in the staffroom (not 16.8 as formerly advised).

### **High school interviews**

.. please note that parents are usually required to bring the following with them to interviews.

- Completed Enrolment Form
- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of most recent Report
- Copy of Evidence of Residency and Passport Details (if not NZ Citizen)
- Copy of Evidence of Guardianship (if applicable)
- Payment of Fees (WGHS only)

Parents of Year 8

Year 8 children are advised to keep an eye on the newsletter and to contact Mr D with any questions. (prospectuses for Excellere College are now available from school)

Please contact Matarau School Office if you would like an interview with KHS (13.9.11) or WGHS (17.8.11).

### **The Mobile Ear Clinic**

.. will be stationed outside the Bush Road Medical centre 8:30 to 2:30 Tuesday 16 August. No appointments necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

### **Calf Club Day 2011**

Calf Club Day this year will take place **28 October**. Due to the shortness of our final term (and our desire that this should not impact adversely on our academic programmes) there will be no indoor exhibits (although these will be back in 2012). Children without animals will spend some time on the lower field with their teachers before returning to class for the rest of the morning - possibly joining us again for the prize giving and lunch. Children with calves, lambs and pets will spend the whole morning on the lower field as in earlier years.

Calf Club this year will be sponsored by Alastair Rickey Decorating and Independent Glass with ribbons sponsored again by Ringrose Stockfoods.

### **A little more on the Calf Club front**

You need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves must be born after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. For those who bring pets (birds, pigs, goats, fish, mice, guinea pigs etc - no dogs are allowed), a booklet will be handed out in the week of 22 September & will need to be completed and returned to the school office by Monday 3 October to allow time for the booklets to be judged prior to Calf Club Day.

If you have any queries about calves please call Steve Martin on 433 5061, or about lambs to Alison Faithfull on 433 5557. There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz).

### **School Cross Country**

Please pencil 22 August into your diaries so you can spend a portion of our Cross Country day with us. For those new to the school this event is held on the farm opposite the school and the day breaks down roughly as follows (although these arrangements will be confirmed next week) ..

(Note : approximate times only - Presentation at 2:30 PM : ages are at 1 January)

11/12/13 year old girls	11/12/13 year old boys	9/10 year old girls	9/10 year old boys
- 12:40	- 12:50	- 1:05	- 1:15
8 year old girls	8 year old boys	Year 3 girls	Year 3 boys
- 1:30	- 1:40	- 1:50	- 2:00
Year 2 girls	Year 2 boys	Year 0/1 girls	Year 0/1 boys
- 2:10	- 2:15	- 2:20	- 2:25

You can assist by ensuring that children have a change of clothes for practice runs over the intervening period as well as a drink bottle. You might also want to schedule some practice runs over weekends.

**Sponsors of this year's Cross Country are Matarau Electrical and Xtreme Shampoo.**

### **Lunchtime Tackle Rugby**

Great news - Mr D will now organise tackle rugby games (years 5 to 8) on most Wednesdays and Thursdays for the duration of the term. Please ensure children have a change of clothes and a mouthguard if they want to play.

### **International Schools English Exams**

Please return any outstanding practice papers (and answer booklets) next week so that we can use these in future years.

### **International Schools Maths Exams**

A reminder that test day is 16 August.

We suggest maybe one more practice paper over the weekend and then perhaps a break before test day on the 16th.

### **Term Headlice Inspection**

If you were advised of infestation please treat promptly. Children will be re-checked in a week.

### **Ballot for Out of Zone Students 2012**

.. will likely be advertised 3 September with closing date 27 September (to be confirmed). **If you know of anyone who might be interested please ask them to contact our school office.** We are more than happy to answer any questions and to show people around the school.

### **Raffle Tickets**

All raffle tickets and money are due back to the office on **Monday 15 August**. It will be drawn on Friday 19 August. Thank you to all those who have sold tickets and returned their books.

### **Invitation from the Virtues Club**

The Virtues Club is keen to profile the talents of our students - many of which occur outside of school. If willing, we encourage children to bring along a photograph showing one such talent so we can put it on our talent board. We hope to have photo's pouring into the school next week. Please note you may not get your photo's back.

### **Guitar Lessons**

Vacancies available on Thursday's and Friday's after school. Contact Vangie 0211883251, 4347573 or [killalea@ihug.co.nz](mailto:killalea@ihug.co.nz).

### **Community Notices**

Free to a Good Home - 9 month old English Springer Spaniel x Black Labrador. Great temperament, very social, fully vaccinated and registered. Contact Helen on 4335823 or 4335512 ah.

Wanted - 2 Bobby calves to hand rear - not for Calf Club, Ph 4335565 ah.

Kamo Amateur Swim Club - Winter swimming is running now at the Maungatapere Valley Pool Centre. You can choose up to 4 times per week. If you would like your child/ren to get swim fit before summer think about joining KASC, cheaper than conventional swim lessons, club spirit and a pathway to swim competitively if you want to. Children must be able to swim 25 meters in both freestyle & backstroke and preferably be 8yrs or older. From early November there will be a choice to swim at the KHS Pool twice weekly & join in on race night fun. To find out more call Chris Sapwell on 433 5099 or see Helen in the school office.

Ruatangata Playcentre - has changed its session days. We are now open Tuesday and Friday 9.00am-12.00 noon. Come along and play with us, the first 3 sessions are free. For more information ph Robyn on 4335501.

Toolbox Parenting Groups is a six session, interactive, small group parenting programme which includes a one year subscription to Parenting magazine. Tailored for specific age groups, early years (0-6), middle years (6-12) or teenage (12+), these courses are run by trained facilitators. Using videos, manuals and discussion, parents are given skills and insights which they can apply to their own situations. Courses starting from 15th August. To register or for more information contact Debbie on 433 5040 or Jill on 437 3247 email [NorthlandTBX@ParentsInc.org.nz](mailto:NorthlandTBX@ParentsInc.org.nz).

### And Finally

This week belongs well and truly to our school choir whose performance at Forum North on Monday and Tuesday nights made us all so very proud. Great selection of songs and our school item was up with the best. Well done also Mrs Williams for coaching and encouraging our choir to such heights.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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### School Lunches

***Mondays*** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & grated cheese (optional) & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

***Wednesdays*** - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher. (Note the price increase, apologies but unavoidable).

***Fridays*** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. (Note no Macaroni Cheese offered this term).

### Results from our School Science Fair

Please find below awards for our recent School Science Fair. Congratulations to all of these children for what they have achieved.

A number of these children will represent our school at the Regional Fair at Forum North week beginning 29 August.

#### Action Research Year 7

Most Improved Year 7 Process	Hazel
Highly Commended	Laura
Outstanding Research in a Medical Field	Liam/Shannon
3rd Equal	Kayleigh/Liam
2nd	Laura
1st	Shannon

#### Action Research Year 8

Most Improved over a 2 year period	Aryana/Scott
Outstanding 3D Display	Georgia
Highly Commended	Abbi/Holly/Jess/Sapphire
3rd equal	Jesse/Shawn
2nd	Georgia
1st	Tyler

#### Science Fair Investigation

Representative	James/Brady
Highly Commended	Hayden /Mitchell/Angus

#### Science Fair Technology

Representative	Andrew/Daniel
Highly Commended	Matthew/Euan/Elliot
	Matthew

**ONE WEEK  
TO GO**

*Annual Trivia Night*  
*Fundraiser*  
*Saturday 20 August 2011*



Mr D. (Scotty) will be our fabulous quizmaster again this year  
with some great new question formats

*Thanks to the following companies who are sponsoring tables:*

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**If you or your company can sponsor a table (for \$100) please contact  
Wendy Francis on 435 4659 or Sharon Smith on 433 8371.**

Table Sponsorship gives you the option to display your company's promotional  
material (banners/business cards etc) on the night, and have your company name  
appear in the

school newsletter reaching over 160 families, prior to the Trivia Night.

**Prize Donations:** if you are unable to sponsor a table, would you be able to donate  
a prize or prizes for the night? These could either be used as part of silent/live  
auctions or a lucky door prize. Prizes could be anything from chocolate to wine to bathroom  
products, or perhaps an old gift that's not been used??! Any queries call Wendy or Sharon, or see  
Helen in the office.

***Get your table groups together (4-6 people per team)***

***Tickets are on sale at the office - \$20 per person***

**This includes lots of fun, nibbles and a light supper. BYO Drinks.**

**Start thinking now about your costume, table groups and dusting off your thinking  
caps!!**

**You could be surprised just what trivia you know!**

***Don't miss out on a fantastic night!!!***

Cave's Buses will be providing a bus for transport to and from the Matarau School  
Hall on the evening of the Trivia Night.

First pickup	Kamo Four Square	6.25pm
	Worsnop Rd	6.40pm
	Ruatangata Hall	6.45pm
	Ruatangata Garage	6.50pm
	Arrive at school	6.55pm

Depart 11.00pm

If you are interested in catching the bus please advise the School Office. (Gold  
coin donation)

